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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of April, 1985)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during April decreased for the sixth consecutive month. The land crew total decreased by four crews and the marine crew total decreased by one crew for a net decrease of five.

The April total (383) represents a decrease of 1% from last month, a 19% decrease from April, 1984, a 15% decrease from April, 1983, a 39% decrease from April, 1982, a 41% decrease from April, 1981, a 23% decrease from April, 1980, and a gain of 6% over the same month in 1979.

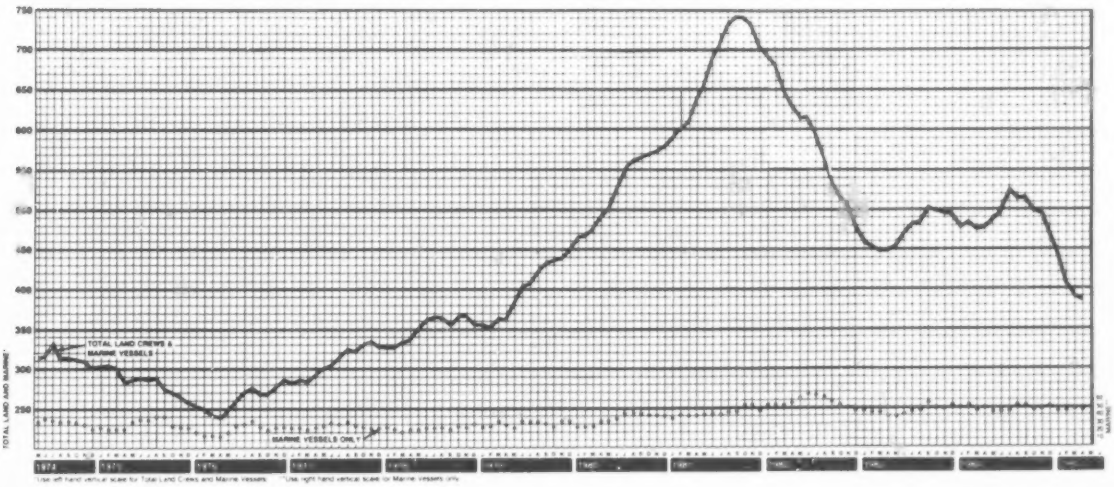
During April, nine contractors were operating twenty-four of the 304 land crews and seven of the thirty-nine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Apr. 84	Apr. 83	Apr. 82	Apr. 81	Apr. 80	Apr. 79
	383	388	473	449	626	645	496	360

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1980	Apr. 1979	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1980	Apr. 1979
70 Contr's:	304	306	385	369	528	564	426	293	39	40	42	32	48	32	25	22
10 Oil Co's:	32	34	38	41	43	41	39	37	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	7
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	336	340	423	410	571	605	465	330	47	48	50	39	55	40	31	30

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

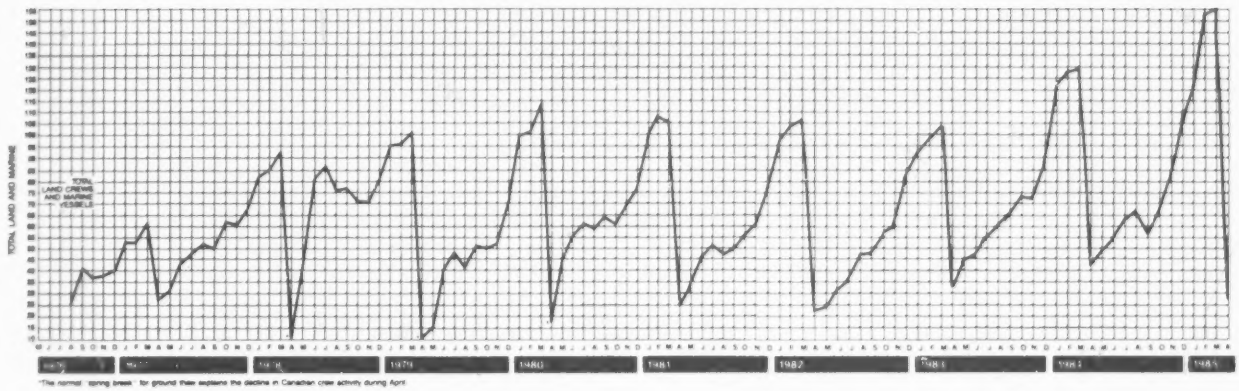
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

April, 1985 (March figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
14 Contractors:	20 (150)	6 (3)
1 Oil Company:	1 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	21 (153)	6 (3)

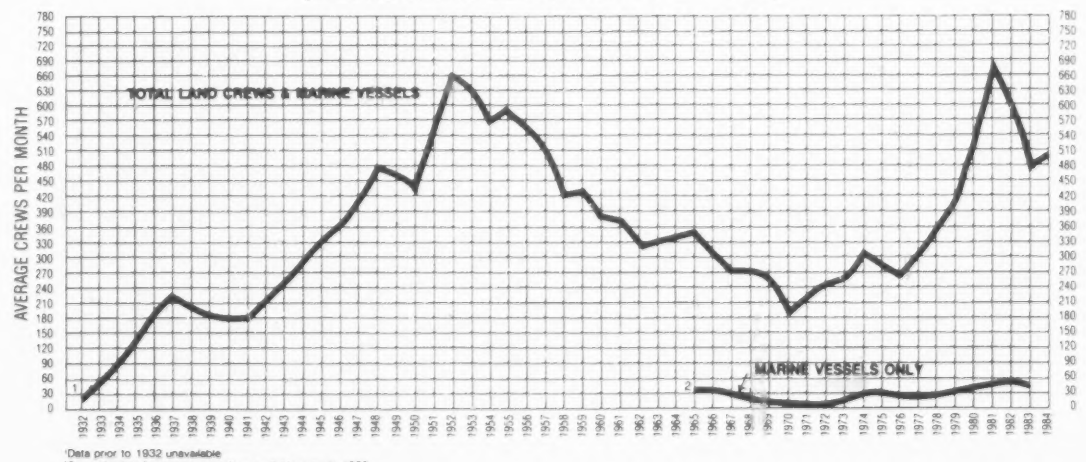
Note: "Spring Break" for ground thaw explains the decline in Canadian crew activity during April.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



[1]Data prior to 1932 unavailable.
[2]Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965.